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Alleged assault on a picnic party at Peddapuram.

*278 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the allegations made against the Police of Peddapuram of alleged assault of and lathi charge against a peaceful picnic party;

(*b*) whether the Government have called for a report on the subject; and

(*c*) whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) A summary of the reports of the officers concerned is given in reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 230.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether he has perused the pamphlet that was put into his hands in connexion with the Peddapuram incident and called for any report on the facts mentioned in it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I said I would call for a report with reference to the facts contained therein."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know the reason why the Inspector of Police, Pithapur, was there instead of the Inspector of Police, Peddapuram?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I shall enquire."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask, Sir, why the District Superintendent of Police who was at that time seven miles away was not present at that place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"It is not necessary for him to do so."

Alleged attack on a picnic party at Peddapuram by the police.

*279 Q.—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the official account or report, if any, received by them or by the Inspector-General of Police as to what occurred on the 21st December 1930 in connexion with the alleged picnic party held at or near Peddapuram and the lathi charge on and dispersal of the party by the police, or make a statement on the subject; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken so far in the matter, and what action, if any, they are proposing to take?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 278.

(*b*) The Government do not propose to take any action.

Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar:—"May I ask, Sir, if any independent enquiry will be held into this incident?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"No independent enquiry is needed."